Park is on the rise and there is no specific report regarding decline of avifauna in the Park. Details of financial assistance provided by the Central Government to this National Park during the last three years are as follows:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Fund Released
1999-2000	24.44
2000-2001	31.784
2001-2002	15.00

Waste forest land for public use

1077. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many requests from the State Government are pending in his Ministry to release the waste forest land for the public use;

(b) whether it is a fact that many such applications from Karnataka Government are pending in his Ministry for consideration; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposals and the action taken by his Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (c) There is no such term as waste forest land and therefore the question of any request regarding release of such land for public use does not arise.

However, under the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, any non-forestry use of the forest land requires prior permission of the Central Government. More than 4600 proposals have been submitted by various State Governments including Karnataka from 1988 to 30.06.2002 under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for forestry clearnce. A brief abstract of this information indicating their present status State-wise is enclosed.

Statement

Details of waste forest land for public use

Sl. No.	State	No. of pro posals received	Appro-ved	Rejec-ted	Rejec-ted for want of informa-taion	Retur-ned/ with drawn by the State Govt.	Under proc-cess by Mini-stry	Pend-ing with States for addi-tional infor-mat-ion
1.	Assam	62	44	14	0	2	1	1
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	51	42	1	2	0	1	5
3.	Andhra Pradesh	120	68	22	3	7	11	9
4.	Andman & Nicobar Island	26	23	0	0	1	0	2
5.	Bihar	17	10	1	2	3	1	0
6.	Chandigarh	18	13	0	0	0	2	3
7.	Chhattisgarh	69	34	3	0	2	5	25
8.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	132	81	17	1	1	13	19
9.	Daman & Diu	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
10.	Delhi	6	2	0	1	1	0	2
11.	Goa	28	9	2	0	0	1	16
12.	Gujarat	405	306	27	16	17	7	32
13.	Haryana	219	176	4	10	0	4	25
14.	Himachal Pradesh	286	159	12	41	8	4	62
15.	Jharkhand	81	42	2	24	1	4	8
16.	Karnataka	155	85	19	11	6	3	31
17.	Kerala	40	27	2	2	2	3	4
18.	Manipur	3	2	0	0	1	0	0
19.	Meghalaya	46	43	2	0	0	1	0
20.	Madhya Pradesh	186	85	46	6	8	22	19
21.	Mizoram	13	11	0	0	0	0	2
22.	Maharashtra	462	280	61	8	13	44	56
23.	Punjab	516	365	9	40	7	16	94
24.	Orissa	132	82	4	12	11	7	1
25.	Sikkim	37	37	0	0	0	0	0
26.	Rajasthan	158	95	15	22	12	1	13

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
27.	Tamil Nadu	70	57	4	2	0	4	3
28.	Tripura	114	107	2	2	1	1	1
29.	West Bengal	14	7	3	0	2	0	2
30.	Uttar Pradesh	125	94	7	14	6	2	2
31.	Uttaranchal	1024	844	50	13	55	12	50
	TOTAL	4616	3230	329	232	167	155	503

Eviction from forest land

1078. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the forest coverage and action taken to restore the required forest cover in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the present eviction is specific to the forest land of Assam only or is a part of National Policy implementation;

(c) the data relating to eviction drive in other States;

(d) the factual position of eviction circulars and other bans imposed, including applicability of specific directions of Supreme Court, indicating date of order and implementation status, State-wise, till June, 2002; and

(e) the encroachment and eviction status in wild life sanctuaries, including Kaziranga National Park of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) Forest Survey of India is assessing Forest Cover of the country biennially since 1987. The State-wise information on forest cover is given in Statement-I (*See* below). Various measures taken to increase the forest cover are:

(i) Afforestation programmes are undertaken by State Governments/ UT Administrations from their own resources as well as with financial assistance from Government of India.

(ii) Externally aided projects are being implemented for development and preservation of forest Guidelines have been issued to all States/UTs to involve village communities in the protection and regeneration of degraded forests.